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~ Now celebrating 10 seasons of local live theatre! ~

PRESS RELEASE: WINTER PLAYS & CLASSES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Merlyn Productions and the Winnipeg Theatre School have announced their plays and classes for Autumn & Winter 2018, including the return of a Winnipeg Fringe Festival hit and a new Workshop Series!

Now concluding its 10th season of staging quality theatrical entertainment, Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will present **"PUSS IN BOOTS"** November 16th to 18th, followed by **"THE BEGGAR AND THE WOLF"** for Winter Break, December 26th to 30th.

Geared for ages 3 and up, **"PUSS IN BOOTS"** adapted by NOAH SMITH returns for a special extended run after multiple SOLD OUT performances at the 2018 Winnipeg Fringe Festival, while **"THE BEGGAR AND THE WOLF"** by PATRICK RAINVILLE DORN is a comical re-imagining of the 13th century folk tale that will delight the whole family: loaded with outrageous puns, slapstick humour, and quirky characters.

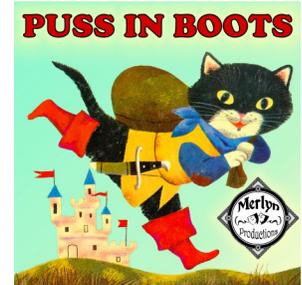
Productions will be directed by Artistic Director JOHN CHASE, and staged at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre (285 Pembina). Tickets are \$12 (with group rates available for 10 or more) and can be reserved at WWW.MERLYN.BIZ or 204-415-2714.

The Winnipeg Theatre School has commenced its 38th year of operation with performance-orientated classes for children, teens, and adults in the Exchange District. Winter Term acting classes for ages 10 to 17 begin January 5th, with students performing live onstage in a special year-end Drama Showcase in March.

NEW for ages 18 and older is the **WTS Workshop Series**: for a competitive drop-in fee of just \$20, the theatre school will be hosting local instructors to teach one-night-only workshops focused upon a variety of theatrical subjects and skills.

The series launches with **"CHARACTER MOVEMENT"** on November 6th, and **"COMEDY: RHYTHM & TIMING"** on November 27th, as taught by local physical theatre professional ARDYTH JOHNSON. Workshops are open to students & alumni of the school, as well as members of the general public.

Register online at THEATRESCHOOL.CA, or call 204-415-2714 for further information.



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About The Company

Merlyn Productions is a live theatre company that carries a legacy of classic children's theatre in Manitoba, and also operates the *Winnipeg Theatre School*.

Dedicated to creating “*the magic of live theatre for all ages*”, the company celebrates **10 seasons** of staging quality theatrical entertainment for general & family audiences, while the theatre school offers performance-orientated acting classes for children, teens, and adults.

Merlyn Productions was founded by Artistic Director John Chase, who began producing local theatre in 1997. Performers of many ages and skill levels from the greater community are welcomed into its cast and staff, who dedicate time for the love of their art form, and are committed to fostering local live theatre.

The *Winnipeg Theatre School* became part of the organisation in 2011. With the motto that “*some companies use professionals — we create them*”, its 38-year-old brand came from *Fantasy Theatre for Children and The Theatre School*, to continue in FTC's tradition of quality training for all ages.

The company performs at the Forrest Nickerson Theatre inside 285 Pembina as its mainstage venue throughout the regular season.